

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SJR 18

February 24, 2011

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003871): Proposes amending Article II, Section 28 of the Tennessee Constitution to prohibit the Legislature from levying a tax on personal income, payroll, or a tax measured by personal income or payroll. Retains the authority of the Legislature to levy a tax on incomes derived from stocks and bonds that are not taxed ad valorem. Proposes amending Article XI, Section 9 of the Tennessee Constitution to prohibit the General Assembly from authorizing any county, municipality or other political subdivision to levy a tax on incomes, payrolls, estates, inheritances or any tax not authorized by Article II, Section 28 or 29 of the Tennessee Constitution. Resolves that the proposed amendment be referred to the 108th General Assembly and that this resolution be published by the Secretary of State in accordance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Tennessee Constitution.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$18,000/One-Time

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- A one-time cost of \$18,000 for the Secretary of State to print notice of the proposed amendment in statutorily designated newspapers as required by this resolution.
- According to the Secretary of State, the statewide average cost to publish the last three constitutional amendments was \$17,700.
- Because Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution requires publication of the resolution before the next legislative election, this publication would occur in the spring of 2012.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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